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## **RB TEXAS HOLD EM WINS \$100,000 PRESIDENT OF THE UAE CUP**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 15, 2019)** – Byerley Racing's **RB Texas Hold Em** pulled off the 7-1 upset to win the \$100,000 President of the UAE Cup Sponsored by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs (Grade I), a 1 1/16-mile event for Arabian-breds at Churchill Downs.

RB Texas Hold Em, a 4-year-old son of 2011-12 President of the UAE Cup winner T M Fred Texas, battled on the lead with 43-1 longshot **Mizzdora** and 20-1 longshot **Thess is Awesome** before taking command of the field at the quarter pole to draw away by a final margin of six lengths under jockey **Gabriel Saez**.

"We rested him a lot since we got him and we got lucky with a good jock," said trainer **Nicole Ruggeri**, who took over the training from **Jerenesto Torrez** in April. "He is such a fun horse. He is very feisty. He was ready and he knows that he is the best."

RB Texas Hold Em returned \$17.80, \$6.40 and \$4.60. Mizzdora, under jockey **Edgar Morales**, held second to return \$27 and \$11.40. **Madjikman** closed late for third under **Keibar Coa** to return \$3.80. **Easter Man**, the even-money favorite, ran wide nearly the entire race and finished fourth.

The field was completed by **Bellfastt**, **Uptown Cruisedirector**, **Quick and Rich** and **Thess Is Awesome**.

With his victory in the President of the UAE Cup, RB Texas Hold Em earned \$58,280 to boost his career earnings to \$75,270 with a record of 10-5-1-3.

### **PRESIDENT OF THE UAE CUP QUOTES**

**Gabriel Saez, jockey of RB TEXAS HOLD EM (winner):** "I was glad Nicole gave me the call on this horse. I was in a great spot and I felt like I was back in Delaware Park like from back in the day. In the post parade I got him loose from the pony and warmed him up well."

**Nicole Ruggeri, trainer of RB TEXAS HOLD EM (winner):** "We rested him a lot since we got him and we got lucky with a good jock. He is such a fun horse. He is very feisty. He was ready and he knows that he is the best."

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